

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5791–S5890

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2595–2615, and S. Res. 336–337. **Page S5832**

Measures Reported:

S. 2599, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (S. Rept. No. 117–34)

S. 2604, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (S. Rept. No. 117–35)

S. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (S. Rept. No. 117–36)

S. 2610, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

S.J. Res. 10, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq. **Page S5829**

Measures Considered:

Invest in America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 301), Carper (for Peters) Amendment No. 2464 (to Amendment No. 2137), to modify certain provisions relating to cybersecurity. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.)

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Carper (for Cardin) Amendment No. 2478 (to Amendment No. 2137), to require the Minority

Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises and to ensure that such Agency has the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S5811, S5813–14**

Carper (for Rosen/Risch) Amendment No. 2358 (to Amendment No. 2137), to modify a provision relating to providing support for activities to increase the resiliency of the National Highway System to mitigate the cost of damages from wildfires.

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Carper Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2137), to improve provisions relating to appropriations for the Corps of Engineers. **Page S5818**

Carper (for Bennet/Hoeven) Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2137), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program.

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By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 306), Carper (for Fischer/Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 2164 (to Amendment No. 2137), to promote transparency by requiring the establishment of an online interactive map displaying the locations of broadband deployment projects that are funded by the Federal Government. **Page S5820**

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 307), Carper (for Schumer/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2570 (to Amendment No. 2137), to establish safety standards for certain limousines. **Pages S5820–21**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 298), Carper (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2245 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit the cancellation of contracts for physical barriers and other border security measures for which funds already have been obligated and for which penalties will be incurred in the case of such cancellation and prohibiting the use of funds for payment of such penalties. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, August 3, 2021, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5791, S5799–S5801**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 299), Carper (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2146 (to Amendment No. 2137), to provide that the Administrative Procedures Act shall apply to actions taken by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information in carrying out the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. **Pages S5796, S5801–03**

By 19 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 300), Carper (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2210 (to Amendment No. 2137), to provide emergency assistance for disaster response and recovery, and for other expenses, directly related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 302), Carper (for Lankford) Amendment No. 2233 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit Federal funding for any entity that fails to enroll in and comply with the E-Verify Program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 303), Carper (for Daines) Amendment No. 2449 (to Amendment No. 2137), to provide additional funds for post-fire restoration activities and restoration activities carried out using good neighbor agreements. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 304), Carper (for Scott (FL)) Amendment No. 2338 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit funds from being disbursed or obligated if the Congressional Budget Office determines that such disbursement or obligation would result in an increase in inflation.

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By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 305), Carper (for Lee) Amendment No. 2279 (to Amendment No. 2137), to establish a project delivery program under National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for water storage infrastructure projects. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

Schumer (for Sinema) Amendment No. 2137, in the nature of a substitute.

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Carper/Capito Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2137), to strike a definition.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

John F. Plumb, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jennifer Clyburn Reed, of South Carolina, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.

Jamie L. Harpootlian, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—307) **Pages S5801, S5803–04, S5812–17, S5820–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5887.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022;

An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; and

An original bill making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.